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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, NU  
SUBJECT: LONG HEARINGS II - CHAMORRO

SUMMARY: P.J. CHAMORRO WILL STILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE  
IN THE LONG SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS DESPITE HIS ABSENCE.  
DEPT. SHOULD KEEP IN MIND CHAMORRO IS ANTI-SOMOZA POLITICIAN  
WITH DOWNFALL OF SOMOZA HIS PRIMARY GOAL. IF MR. KOCH THINKS  
CHAMORRO IS FOREMOST A CHAMPION OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN  
RIGHTS HE IS MISTAKEN. END SUMMARY

1. CHAMORRO INFORMED POLOFF APRIL 20 THAT HE HAS PREPARED  
A STATEMENT WHICH WILL BE GIVEN TO MR. KOCH FOR WHATEVER  
PURPOSE LATTER WISHES TO MAKE OF IT. HE ALSO IS SEEKING TO  
PUBLISH TYE STATEMENT IN LA PRENSA, CENSORSHIP PERMITTING.  
CHAMORRO STATED HIS POSITION IS FOCUSED ON INTERNAL CONDITIONS  
IN NICARAGUA. REGARDING U.S. ASSISTANCE, HE STATES THIS IS  
FOR U.S. TO DECIDE AND HE HAS NO POSITION ON THE MATTER.  
THE STATEMENT WILL APPARENTLY FOCUS ON POLITICAL AND HUMAN  
RIGHTS IN NICARAGUA AND IN LATTER AREA CHAMORRO HAS ALSO SENT  
LISTS WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL BE BASED ON INFORMATION FROM  
CAPUCHIN PRIESTS.

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2. DEPT SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT CHAMORRO IS FIRST AND FORE-  
MOST POLITICAL OPPORTUNIST IN HIS UNCOMPROMISING DRIVE TO  
BRING ABOUT DOWNFALL OF THE SOMOZA DYNASTY. HE HAS PARTI-  
CIPATED TO THIS END IN ARMED INSURRECTIONARY MOVEMENTS AND  
WAS IMPLICATED IN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT  
SOMOZA GARCIA. HE IS HISTORICALLY A MEMBER OF CONSERVA-  
TIVE PARTY AND ONLY SPLIT WITH THAT PARTY TO FOUND HIS UDEL

MOVEMENT WHEN HE WAS UNABLE TO GAIN THE PARTY PRESIDENCY. HE IS CONSIDERED AMONG HIS PREVIOUS COLLEAGUES IN THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND TO SOME EXTENT AMONG HIS PRESENT COLLEAGUES IN UDEL TO BE QUIXOTIC. HE IS CREDITED WITH BEING EXTREMELY COURAGEOUS, AN OUTSTANDING OPPOSITIONIST, BUT A POOR POLITICIAN AND LEADER.

3. CHAMORRO'S OPPOSITIONIST ACTIVITIES HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO A FRACTIONATED AND, THEREFORE, WEAKENED OPPOSITION. THUS EFFORTHGF MR. KOCH OR OTHERS TO BUILD UP REPUTATION OF CHAMORRO IS POTENTIALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO BUILDING UP RESPONSIBLE CHALLENGE TO SOMOZA REGIME BY OPPOSITION.

4. THE ABOVE ANALYSIS IS FURNISHED WITH A VIEW TO ASSISTING THE DEPT IN EVALUATING CHAMORRO'S PRESENT AND FUTURE ROLE IN NICARAGUAN POLITICS. DEPT WILL RECOGNIZE EXTREME DAMAGE TO EMB RELATIONS WITH CHAMORRO IF THIS ASSESSMENT WERE TO REACH CHAMORRO.  
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